

REMARKS

Based on a telephone communication with the Examiner on 11/15/2004, Applicants have amended claim 24 to add a feature that is analogous to a similar feature in claim 1 to further support Applicants' contention that claim 24 is allowable.

CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding arguments, Applicants respectfully believe that all pending claims and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. If the Examiner believes that anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicants invites the Examiner to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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